

Health Care Market Oversight

Agility, KeiperSpine & Spine Surgery Center of Eugene

The [Health Care Market Oversight](#) (HCMO) program reviews health care business deals, like mergers and acquisitions, to make sure they do not harm people and communities in Oregon. On December 18, 2023, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) accepted a [notice](#) describing Agility's purchase of non-clinical assets of KeiperSpine and a majority ownership of the Spine Surgery Center of Eugene.

Who's involved?

Agility Podiatry MSO, LLC (Agility) is a management services organization (MSO) that provides non-clinical management services to physician-owned clinics. Agility typically works with orthopedic, musculoskeletal, and podiatric clinics. Agility is majority owned by a private equity firm.

KeiperSpine is a physician practice in Eugene specializing in neuro-spine care. KeiperSpine employs three physicians, three advance practice providers, and 12 other employees. In 2022, the clinic treated more than 5,000 patients. **Spine Surgery Center of Eugene** (SSCE) is an ambulatory surgery center in Eugene specializing in neuro-spine care and pain management. The center employs 19 staff and treated more than 1,100 patients in 2022. KeiperSpine and SSCE are currently both majority owned by the same physicians.

About the deal

This deal seeks to transfer assets of a local physician-owned practices and ownership of a surgery center to a multi-state management services organization with private equity backing. Agility plans to hire substantially all of KeiperSpine's non-clinical staff, take over the lease of the clinic space, and purchase KeiperSpine's non-clinical assets such as equipment. Agility and KeiperSpine plan to enter into an agreement for Agility to provide administrative services to KeiperSpine. Clinical employees, such as physicians, and clinical assets, such as patient medical records and contracts with insurers, would remain with KeiperSpine. Agility also plans to purchase a majority ownership stake in SSCE.

What's next?

OHA is reviewing this deal to understand how it could affect the cost and quality of health care, access to services, and health equity. During the review, OHA will use health care data, news and media reports, information from the companies, and input from the public to decide whether the deal should be approved. After completing a review, OHA will issue a decision about whether the deal may proceed as planned.

We want to hear from you!

Public input is crucial to OHA's review! Your feedback can help us understand how this deal could help or harm people in your community. To share your thoughts and feedback about this deal, please email hcmo.info@oha.oregon.gov by **January 8, 2024**. In your email, include the word "Agility", what you think, and whether you support or oppose the deal. You can also [subscribe](#) to receive updates about this review.

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